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In re Application of
Nelms, et al.
Application No. 10/085,454
Filed: February 27, 2002
Attorney Docket No. DSC-7A
For: NON-RECTANGULAR SHAPED CREDIT
CARD WITH CASE

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: **DECISION ON PETITION**
: **UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3)**
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), filed November 15, 2002 (certificate of mailing date November 11, 2002) and supplemented on May 7, 2004 (certificate of mailing date May 4, 2004), to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. §120 for the benefit of the prior-filed nonprovisional application set forth in the concurrently filed amendment.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A petition for acceptance of a claim for late priority under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) is only applicable to those applications filed on or after November 29, 2000. Further, the petition is appropriate only after the expiration of the period specified in 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii). In addition, the petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) of the prior-filed application, unless previously submitted;
- (2) the surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional.

The instant petition does not comply with item (1)

37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) requires that any nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of one or

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